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Total claims	38	Minus	39	x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	10	Minus	10	x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
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In response to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2005 having a three-month  
statutory period for response set to expire on March 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.